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Using Data to Tell Your Library's Story



Juneau Workshop Attendees

While it may have been a dark and dreary day outside, inside the classroom located on the first floor of the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building in Juneau, workshop facilitator Linda Hofschire was casting a bright light on the topic of data analysis. Seventeen librarians, a cross section of academic, school, special and public librarians were attending an all-day *Using Data to Tell Your Library's Story* workshop, the first in a series of three workshops held throughout the State. Although the majority of workshop participants were Juneau residents the workshop also attracted representatives from the Southeast communities of Metlakatla, Sitka, Thorne Bay and Whale Pass.

At the start of the workshop, participants were asked to line up according to the population they served. This simple activity illustrated that the span of influence Alaska librarians ranges from as few as 60 residents to worldwide.

Sitting at tables in groups of four participants reviewed the data collection process which involves identification, planning, data collection, data analysis and data use. A case study based on the fictional Pebble Pond Public Library was used throughout the workshop to illustrate various data gathering and evaluative techniques. Linda Hofschire introduced participants to the best practices in conducting surveys during an engaging dissection activity.

During the workshop, Linda Hofschire kept participants engaged by sharing her expertise and through the use of relevant and useful hands-on activities. All in all, an excellent workshop!

Events Calendar



Training Calendar

Upcoming Webinar You Don't Want to Miss

- Graphically Different:
 A discussion on diversity in comics and graphic novels.
- A Generational Assessment of Trust:
 How it can make or
 break your organization
- Help New Managers
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